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In re application of: Baser et al

Serial No.: 09/256,540

Group No.: 2764

Filed: Feb. 24, 1999

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For: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE METHODS AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method of performing a pre-paid electronic-commerce transaction over a computer network, [for a user having a personal identification number (PIN), the method] comprising the steps of:

receiving user identification and account balance information at a centralized transaction server interfaced to the network;

receiving a request for goods or services at the transaction server from the user through an input device; [and]

creating a transaction instance at the transaction server in response to the user request;

retrieving account information at the transaction server relating to the [user's PIN] user, the account information including the user's remaining balance;

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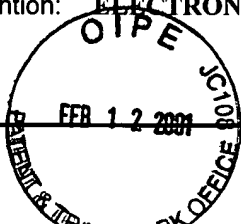
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2764Invention: **ELECTRONIC COMMERCE METHODS AND APPARATUS****TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Dated: **Feb. 5, 2001***Signature*

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